

REMARKS

The following supplemental amendment is submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. The Notice of Allowance in this application was mailed on February 7, 2005.

Applicants noted a mistake in reference “C” under “Other Materials” on Form PTO-1449 filed with the Information Disclosure Statement (“IDS”) on May 29, 2001. Particularly, reference C showed the author as “Weisberg, E. P. et al.” The correct name of the author should be “Rouwendal, et al.” Applicants respectfully point out that every other aspect of the citation in reference C, i.e., title of article, journal name, volume and number, page numbers and year, were accurate as filed in the IDS on May 29, 2001. This corrected citation refers to the same reference that was submitted as a hard copy with the IDS filed on May 29, 2001.

Applicants note that such a mistake occurred inadvertently and without deceptive intent.

The substitute Form PTO-1449 submitted herewith is presented for the sole purpose of correcting this mistake. The substitute Form PTO-1449 submitted herewith is identical to the Form PTO-1449 filed in the IDS on May 29, 2001 except for, as stated above, the replacement of “Weisberg, E. P. et al” with “Rouwendal, et al.” in reference C.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner return a copy of the corrected Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner’s initials in the left column per MPEP 609. The Examiner has already considered each of the references on the corrected Form PTO-1449, as indicated by the initials next to each reference on the previously submitted Form PTO-1449, which was forwarded to Applicants with the Office Action of January 15, 2003.

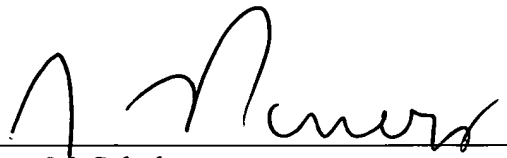
This amendment does not affect the allowability of any claim.

Applicants believe that no charges are due in connection with this amendment. However, in the event Patent Office charges are due, please charge the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Respectfully submitted,
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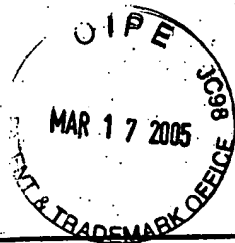
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OTHER MATERIALS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

A	Lyamichev, V. et al., "Polymorphism Identification and Quantitative Detection of Genomic DNA by Invasive Cleavage of Oligonucleotide Probes", <i>Nature Biotechnology</i> , Vol. 17, pp. 292-296 (1999)
B	Stemmer, W.P.C., "DNA Shuffling by Random Fragmentation and Reassembly: <i>In Vitro</i> Recombination for Molecular Evolution", <i>Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci.</i> , Vol. 91, pp. 10747-10751 (1994)
C	Rouwendaal, et al., "Simultaneous Mutagenesis of Multiple Sites: Application of the Ligase Chain Reaction Using PCR Products Instead of Oligonucleotides", <i>Biotechniques</i> , Vol. 15, No. 1, pp. 68-70, 72-74 (1993)
D	Zhao, H. et al., "Optimization of DNA Shuffling for High Fidelity Recombination", <i>Nucleic Acids Research</i> , Vol. 25, no. 6; pp. 1307-1308 (1997)
E	Zhao, H. et al., "Molecular Evolution by Staggered Extension Process (StEP) <i>In Vitro</i> Recombination", <i>Nature Biotechnology</i> , Vol. 16, pp. 258-261 (1998)
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